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Ken, below is a summary that I pulled together for management. Kathy Parker provided her input. This explains the sequence of events. Hope this helps. I'll keep digging for more info, but I'm not finding much. I have attached a photo of one of the KCHD guys out there with a shovel.

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As you may have heard, there has recently been a lot of activity at the Bremerton Gasworks Site.

On Monday, I received a call from Grant Holdcroft of the Kitsap County Health Department. He had received several calls about sheens in the Port Washington Narrows in the vicinity of the Bremerton Gasworks site. He went to the site Monday 10/4/2010 and after digging in the sediments discovered a pipe that contained an oily smelly substance that resembled coal tar. He took a sample, had it analyzed and found it contained PAHs commonly found in coal tar. Grant called Ecology, who recommended he contact "the Feds". He then called me. After our conversation, I spoke to Kathy Parker, the OSC on our SAM/OSC rotation list. She went out to the site on Tuesday.

Tuesday morning Kathy met with Grant and Richard Bazzel at low tide and saw the open pipe with water and dark brown oily substance streaming out of it, saturating the surrounding sediment. They took two product samples and Kathy asked the EPA R10 lab to analyze one of the samples for PAHs. The preliminary results showed that the CERCLA residential soil action level was exceeded for 5 PAHs and the industrial action level for one PAH. Kathy contacted the USCG and while they were deciding whether it was their jurisdiction, she had ERRS place boom around the spill area.

On Tuesday afternoon, I received a call from Kevin Mallick of the US Coast Guard who informed me that the Coast Guard is assuming responsibility for the release and he wanted to know who the Responsible Party was. I gave him the name of one of the property owners, Trip McConkey, who's property is adjacent to the property from which the pipe is located. Trip worked with us during the TBA and has been very supportive and cooperative in the entire Brownfields effort. I did give Trip a call to give him a "heads up" about the situation and that the Coast Guard would be calling him. The property where the pipe is located is owned by Natasha Sesko. I have not had any contact with her as we did not sample her property during the TBA.

The Coast Guard mobilized to the site this morning and saw a bigger mess of creosote than they expected. They also determined that the property owner is the Washington DNR and they are in the process of contacting them as well as notifying the Suquamish tribe. They also said the boom is not going to accomplish anything beneficial so Kathy will make

arrangements to have it removed.

Next steps are:

- USCG to determine if the state will take action,
- USCG make notifications (Suquamish tribe)
- Obtain CERCLIS ID
- EPA to write action memo for work so far,
- EPA to prepare website and polrep,
- EPA to prepare SSSP for 10/5 sampling,

Issues:

- Two federal agencies spending CERCLA funds at the same site
- Jurisdictional boundaries

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